COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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ACTION: ACTIVE (X) INACTIVE ( ) PENDING( ) | INDEX INFO Yes ( ) No (X) | No of Adult Arrests: 1 | No of Subject Detentions: 0 | URN (File No): 095 - 04132 - 1799 - 053

CLASSIFICATION: ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A PEACE OFFICER, 245(a)(1)PC

CLASSIFICATION: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, 182PC

If Domestic Violence: Weapon Used ( ) YES ( ) NO

VIA SECTY. TIME

DATE, TIME, DAY OF OCCURRENCE: 08-24-95, 2220 HRS THURSDAY

PRINT DEPUTY REQUESTED: NO(X) YES ( ) LOC ( ) STA ( ) VEH ( )

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: LEESDALE AVE AND WESTERN AVE.

TYPE OF LOCATION: PUBLIC STREET

TRACT

CODE: V—VICTIM, W—WITNESS, I—INFORMANT, R—REPORTING PARTY, P—PARTY. LIST ONE WITNESS (IF NAMED) AND THE INFORMANT ON THIS PAGE.

CODE	No	LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	SEX	RACE	DOB
V	1 of 2	NEWMAN	STEVEN		M	W	A

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF (SERGEANT [redacted])

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 21356 S. AVALON BL, CARSON, ZIP 90745, BUS PHONE (310) 830-1123 X

CODE	No	LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	SEX	RACE	DOB
V	2 of 2	WEDEL	MARK		M	W	A

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF (DETECTIVE [redacted]

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CODE	No	LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	SEX	RACE	DOB
	of						

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: THROWING SUBSTANCE AT VEHICLE WITH INTENT TO COMMIT

BUSINESS ADDRESS: GREAT BODILY INJURY 23110(b)CVC

CODE: S—SUSPECT, SJ—SUBJECT, M—PATIENT, S/V—SUSPECT/VICTIM, SJ/V—SUBJECT/VICTIM. CIRCLE CODE IF SUPP. PAGES USED FOR: V W S SJ M S/V SJ/V

CODE	No	LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	DRIVER'S LICENSE (STATE & No)
S	1 of 2	ARREDONDO	ANGEL		[redacted]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: [redacted] CITY [redacted] ZIP RES PHONE [redacted]

BUSINESS ADDRESS: CITY ZIP BUS PHONE (AREA CODE)

SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	AGE
M	H	BLK	BRO	509	160	02-08-73	22

OBSERVABLE PHYSICAL ODDITIES: [redacted]

AKA NICKNAME: MOUSE

WHERE DETAINED OR CITE No / BOOKING No / MAIN

CLOTHING WORN: LT. GRAY PANTS, WHITE TANK TOP TEE SHIRT

WEAPON USED: ROCK

CHARGE: 245(a)(1) PC

CODE	No	LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	DRIVER'S LICENSE (STATE & No)
S	2 of 2	UNKNOWN			

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: CITY ZIP RES PHONE (AREA CODE)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: CITY ZIP BUS PHONE (AREA CODE)

SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	AGE
M	H	BLK	BRO	510	150		15-19

OBSERVABLE PHYSICAL ODDITIES:

AKA: NICKNAME:

WHERE DETAINED OR CITE No / BOOKING No / MAIN

CLOTHING WORN: BLK JKT, DARK PANTS

WEAPON USED: ROCK

CHARGE:

VEHICLE USED IN CRIME YES ( ) NO (X) UNKNOWN ( ) STORED ( ) IMPOUNDED ( ) | YR | MAKE | BODY TYPE | COLOR

LICENSE (STATE & No) | VIN/FRAME No.

REGISTERED OWNER

IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS

CHP 180 SUBMITTED YES ( ) NO (X) | GARAGE NAME & PHONE

VICTIM DESIROUS OF PROSECUTION YES (X) NO ( ) | VICTIM INSURED FOR LOSS YES (X) NO ( ) | EAP No

SUSPECT/SUBJECT RELEASE APPROVED BY | TIME | ARREST REVIEW SUBMITTED YES (X) NO ( )

BY DEPUTY: D. McELDERRY 12+ NO VAC | BADGE No. [redacted]

DEPUTY | BADGE No.

STATION: CARSON | UNIT/CAR No: 160GA | SHIFT: DAYS

APPROVED: SGT. S. NEWMAN | BADGE [redacted] | TIME 0740

ASSIGNMENT: HOMICIDE

SPECIAL REQUEST DISTRIBUTION

TT B/C BY | DATE | TIME | SECTY

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DATE	TIME REC'D.	OBS (✓) DET ( ) CALL ( )	URN
08-24-95	2220		095-04132-1799-053

INPUT/CHECKED NCIC, CII, ETC. YES ( ) NO (✓) EVIDENCE (CODE-EV) HELD YES ( ) NO ( ) MARKED, TAGGED, SEALED & PLACED IN STATION EVIDENCE LOCKER INSIDE ( ) OUTSIDE ( ) SAFE ( ) REFRIG. ( ) BY: LEDGER PAGE No.

IF BURGLARY: FORCE USED YES ( ) NO ( ) POINT OF ENTRY-DOOR ( ) WINDOW ( ) ROOF ( ) OTHER

PROPERTY: (TOTAL VALUE) RECOVERED $ ______ STOLEN $ ______ DAMAGED $ 600.00

PROPERTY CODE: S—stolen R—recovered L—lost F—found E—embezzled D—damaged (Use All Applicable Codes; For Example, If Property Is Both Stolen & Recovered, Code Is S/R) PROPERTY RELEASED TO

CODE	ITEM No	QUAN	DESCRIPTION INCLUDE KIND OF ARTICLE, TRADE NAME, IDENTIFYING NUMBERS, PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, MATERIAL, COLOR, CONDITION, AGE AND PRESENT MARKET VALUE	SERIAL No.	VALUE
D	1	1	DOOR FRAME, WINDSHIELD AND DASHBOARD		$600.00
			OF L.A COUNTY OWNED 19 GMC VAN		
			LIC # [redacted]		

SCREENING FACTORS

YES	NO		YES	NO	
✓		1. SUSPECT IN CUSTODY			7. GENERAL SUSPECT DESCRIPTION
		2. SUSPECT NAMED/KNOWN			8. GENERAL VEHICLE DESCRIPTION
		3. UNIQUE SUSPECT IDENTIFIERS			9. UNIQUE M.O. OR PATTERN
		4. VEHICLE IN CUSTODY			10. SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
		5. UNIQUE VEHICLE IDENTIFIERS			11. TRACEABLE STOLEN PROPERTY
		6. WRITER/REVIEWER DISCRETION			12. MULTIPLE WITNESSES

PART I STATISTICAL INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL CRIMES 1) ______ 2) ______ NUMBER OF VICTIMS: ______

PROPERTY

TYPE OF PROPERTY	STOLEN	RECOVERED	TYPE OF PROPERTY	STOLEN	RECOVERED
			JEWELRY	$	$
CLOTHING/FURS	$	$	LIVESTOCK	$	$
CONSUMABLE GOODS	$	$	LOCAL STOLEN VEHICLES	$	$
CURRENCY/NOTES	$	$	MISCELLANEOUS	$	$
FIREARMS	$	$	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	$	$
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	$	$	TV/RADIO/STEREO	$	$

WEAPONS CODE

( ) ARTICLES THROWN
( ) CAUSTIC CHEMICALS
( ) CLUB/BLUNT INSTRUMENT
( ) DRUGS/NOXIOUS GAS
( ) FIRE/EXPLOSIVES
( ) HANDS/FEET/FIST/ETC.
( ) KNIFE/CUTTING INSTRUMENT
( ) POISON
( ) REVOLVER/PISTOL
( ) RIFLE
( ) SHOTGUN
( ) STRANGULATION
( ) VEHICLE
( ) UNKNOWN/OTHER

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ON THIS DATE, V/NEWMAN, V/WEDEL, DEP. McELDERRY [redacted] AND DEP. MARTINEZ # [redacted] (CARSON OSS PERSONNEL) WERE WORKING A GANG SUPPRESSION DETAIL IN THE HARBOR HILLS PROJECTS. THIS "GANG" DETAIL IS WORKED AS A PRIVATE ENTITY CONTRACT FOR THE HARBOR HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THE MISSION OF THIS DETAIL IS TO IDENTIFY AND SUPPRESS THE GANG ACTIVITIES, PRIMARILY OF THE RESIDENT GANG "HARBOR LOMAS"

WE (OSS) HAVE WORKED THIS DETAIL NUMEROUS TIMES AND HAVE IDENTIFIED AND HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW NUMEROUS "HARBOR LOMAS" GANG MEMBERS. IT IS OUR CONTENTION THAT THE GANG MEMBERS ALSO KNOW US, OUR VEHICLES AND MAY EVEN BE AWARE OF OUR ROUTINELY SCHEDULED PATROLS THROUGH THE PROJECTS. TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN OUR SUPPRESSION EFFORTS, WE HAVE RANDOMLY CHANGED THE DAYS AND HOURS OF OUR DETAIL. ON THIS PARTICULAR NIGHT (08-24-95) WE ACQUIRED AN [redacted] GMC VAN (D-1) FROM THE CARSON STATION, NARCOTICS TEAM. SGT. NEWMAN AND DET. WEDEL OCCUPIED THIS VEHICLE FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES ONLY;

1) BECAUSE THIS VAN WOULD NOT BE FAMILIAR TO THE GANG MEMBERS OR ANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE HARBOR HILLS COMPLEX.
2) IT ENABLED THEM TO SURVEIL THE AREA AND GANG ACTIVITIES WITHOUT BEING DETECTED AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS.
3) FROM AN UNDETECTED VANTAGE POINT, SGT. NEWMAN AND DET. WEDEL COULD DIRECT US (McELDERRY / MARTINEZ) IN OUR SHERIFF'S PATROL VEHICLE, TO SPECIFIC GANG ACTIVITIES.

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AT APPROX. 2215 HRS. SGT. NEWMAN AND DET. WEDEL WERE DRIVING THROUGH THE 200 COURT PARKING LOT, ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE A POSITION OF ADVANTAGE, FOR SURVEILLING ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA. NO VANTAGE POINT COULD BE FOUND, SO SGT. NEWMAN DROVE THE VAN OUT OF THE PARKING LOT, S/B ON WESTERN AVE. AS THEY PULLED OUT ONTO WESTERN AVE., DET. WEDEL SAW A MALE HISPANIC ADULT, WHO HE RECOGNIZED AS A "HARBOR LOMAS" GANG MEMBER NAMED ANGEL ARREDONDO DET. WEDEL AND SGT. NEWMAN KNOW HIM FROM NUMEROUS CONTACTS IN THE PAST. ARREDONDO WAS WALKING N/B WESTERN ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET.

ACCORDING TO DET. WEDEL, ARREDONDO WAS STARING AT THE VAN AND BEGAN THROWING UP GANG HAND SIGNS, DEPICTING "HARBOR LOMAS" AS THE VAN PASSED HIM. (THROUGH OUR NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH "HARBOR LOMAS" GANG MEMBERS WE HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR, AS PART OF OUR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING, WITH THEIR HAND SIGNS.)

SGT. NEWMAN DROVE THE VAN E/B ON PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH AND BACK-TRACKED THROUGH A RESIDENTIAL AREA, ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PROJECTS AND SPECIFICALLY, BACK TO WHERE THEY HAD SEEN ARREDONDO. AS SGT. NEWMAN DROVE THE VAN W/B ON A STREET CALLED LEESDALE AVE. TOWARD WESTERN AVE. THEY BEGAN LOOKING FOR ARREDONDO ON WESTERN AVE. THEY DID NOT SEE HIM. SGT. NEWMAN SLOWLY APPROACHED, THEN STOPPED AT THE STOP SIGN (LEESDALE @ WESTERN AVE.). BOTH SGT. NEWMAN AND DET. WEDEL WERE LOOKING W/B, ACROSS

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WESTERN AVE., INTO THE PROJECTS TRYING TO LOCATE ARREDONDO AGAIN. SGT. NEWMAN SAW ARREDONDO STANDING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WESTERN AVE., APPROX. 40-50 FT SOUTH OF THEM. ARREDONDO WAS STANDING ON A MEDIAN SEPARATING WESTERN AVE FROM A SERVICE ROAD.

ARREDONDO WAS FACING THE VAN AND WALKING TOWARDS THEM. HE BEGAN GESTURING THE GANG HAND SIGN FOR "HARBOR LOMAS" AS HE WALKED TOWARD THE VAN. HIS BLATANT GESTURING CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF SGT. NEWMAN WHO SAID "THERE HE IS". DET. WEDEL LEANED FORWARD IN HIS SEAT AND LOOKED IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS SGT. NEWMAN. DET. WEDEL SAW ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WALKING TOWARDS THE VAN CONCEALING AN OBJECT, IN HIS RIGHT HAND AND BEHIND HIS RIGHT LEG. DET. WEDEL WARNED SGT. NEWMAN SAYING, "LOOKOUT HE'S GOT SOMETHING IN HIS HAND". INSTANTANEOUSLY, SGT. NEWMAN AND DET. WEDEL HEARD A LARGE "BANG" AS THE VAN WAS STRUCK ON THE DRIVERS SIDE WINDOW FRAME, BY WHAT THEY BELIEVED WAS GUNFIRE. WHAT TURNED OUT LATER TO BE A LARGE ROCK (APPROX. 5" x 6" x 4"), THE OBJECT ENTERED THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT OF THE VAN, NARROWLY MISSING SGT. NEWMAN'S HEAD, STRIKING A DRINKING CUP, WHICH HE WAS HOLDING IN HIS LEFT HAND AND KNOCKING IT OUT OF HIS HAND. THE OBJECT CRASHED INTO THE FRONT WINDSHIELD (INTERIOR) AND RICOCHETED OFF THE GLASS, INTO THE TOP OF THE DASHBOARD, INTO THE GLASS AGAIN, INTO THE DASHBOARD, INTO THE GLASS WINDSHIELD A THIRD TIME, BACK INTO THE DASHBOARD, BACK INTO THE GLASS (FOURTH TIME). THIS IS EVIDENT BY THE 4 SEPERATE CONTACT AREAS ON THE INSIDE OF THE WINDSHIELD AND 3 SEPERATE CONTACT AREAS, IN SUCCESSION, IN THE DASHBOARD.

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EACH TIME THE ROCK HIT THE WINDSHIELD AND RICOCHETED INTO THE DASHBOARD, IT MADE A HUGE BANGING SOUND. THE WINDSHIELD BROKE ("SPIDERWEB" BREAKS) EACH TIME IT WAS HIT.

WITH EIGHT OR SO CONSECUTIVE, INSTANTANEOUS, LOUD BANGS AND THE WINDSHIELD SHATTERING, IN DIFFERENT PLACES, BEFORE THEIR EYES, BOTH SGT. NEWMAN AND DET. WEDEL BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE UNDER ATTACK OF GUNFIRE.

DET. WEDEL SIMULTANEOUSLY REACTED AND FIRED FOUR ROUNDS FROM HIS DEPARTMENTALLY ISSUED "BERETTA" SEMI-AUTO HANDGUN AT THE SUSPECT WHO WAS PARALLELING THE VAN, TRYING TO RUN W/B ACROSS WESTERN AVE. ARREDONDO WAS ALSO RUNNING W/B ACROSS WESTERN, NEXT TO THE SUSPECT. DET. WEDEL BELIEVED THAT THE SUSPECT WAS RUNNING ALONG-SIDE THE VAN TRYING TO CONTINUE FIRING AT THEM.

ACCORDING TO SGT. NEWMAN, WHEN HE HEARD THE CONSECUTIVE LOUD BANGS AND SAW THE WINDSHIELD SHATTERING, HE BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE BEING SHOT AT. SGT. NEWMAN REACTED BY ACCELLERATING W/B ACROSS WESTERN AVE. TO GET OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE. THE SUSPECT AND ARREDONDO WERE ALSO RUNNING W/B ACROSS WESTERN AVE. PARALLELING THE VAN APPROX. 15-20 FT AWAY. IT WAS AT THIS TIME, THAT DET. WEDEL FIRED AT THE SUSPECTS, IN FRONT OF SGT. NEWMAN, OUT OF THE DRIVERS SIDE WINDOW, IN FEAR OF CONTINUING GUNFIRE ATTACK BY THE SUSPECTS.

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BOTH OF THE SUSPECTS CONTINUED TO RUN N/B ACROSS 'ESTERN AVE. AS THEY RAN BACK INTO THE HARBOR HILLS COMPLEX, 4E TWO SEPARATED AND RAN IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

SGT. NEWMAN IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED EMERGENCY 710 TRAFFIC AND BEGAN SETTING UP A CONTAINMENT TO CATE THE SUSPECTS. DEP. WILKINSON # [redacted] (LOMITA/PATROL) UND ARREDONDO IN THE 100 COURT AREA OF THE COMPLEX 'TH A GUNSHOT WOUND TO HIS UPPER TORSO. ARREDONDO WAS REATED BY PARAMEDICS AND TRANSPORTED TO HARBOR GENERAL 'OSPITAL (SEE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT BY DEP. WILKERSON). PATIENT # [redacted]

A LENGTHY SEARCH OF THE COMPLEX FOR THE SECOND SUSPECT ET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

HOMICIDE WAS NOTIFIED OF THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING 2250 HRS. SHERIFF'S HEADQUARTERS BUREAU NOTIFIED AT 0007 HRS 0012 HRS. HOMICIDE, SGT. REED ARRIVED AND TOOK CHARGE OF E INVESTIGATION.

S/ARREDONDO'S BLATANT GESTURING OF HAND SIGNS WAS OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO DISTRACT SGT. NEWMAN AND DEP. WEDEL'S NTION FROM THE SUSPECT WHO ASSAULTED THEM. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY 'ERTING THEIR ATTENTION ALLOWING THE ADDITIONAL SUSPECT APPROACH THE VAN TO ASSAULT THE DEPUTIES.

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AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT, S/ARREDONDO WAS NOT ABLE TO BE BOOKED DUE TO HIS PENDING MEDICAL STATUS. S/ARREDONDO REMAINED AT HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, PENDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER TO LCMC.

SEE SUPPLEMENT REPORTS CONCERNING STATEMENTS FROM W.T. 1-5.

INCIDENT LOG IS ATTACHED WITH THIS REPORT

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE AUGUST 30, 1995 **FILE NO.** 095-04132-1799-053

C- ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A PEACE OFFICER - 245(A)(1) P.C./ THROWING A MISSILE AT A MOTOR VEHICLE 23110(B) CVC/DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING

Action Taken ACTIVE/INVESTIGATION MADE/WITNESS INTERVIEW/SUSPECT ARRESTED

V- **#1: SERGEANT STEVE NEWMAN, #[redacted]**
#2: DEPUTY MARK WEDEL, #[redacted]

D- 08-24-95 (THURSDAY) AT 2220 HOURS

L- LEESDALE AVENUE AND WESTERN AVENUE, LOMITA

S- **ARREDONDO, ANGEL MH/22,** DOB: 02-08-73
BOOKING #4522-978

CIVILIAN WITNESSES

CW1 - [redacted] FH/

CW2 - [redacted]

CW3 - [redacted]

CW4 - [redacted] FH/

CW5 - [redacted] MH/

CW6 - [redacted] MH/

SWORN WITNESSES

SW1 - DEPUTY D. MCELDERRY, #[redacted]
CARSON STATION - OSS
21356 AVALON BOULEVARD, CARSON
(310) 830-1123

SW2 - DEPUTY T. MARTINEZ, #[redacted]
CARSON STATION - OSS
21356 AVALON BOULEVARD, CARSON
(310) 830-1123

SW3 - DEPUTY B. WILKINSON, #[redacted]
LOMITA STATION
26123 NARBONNE, LOMITA
(310) 539-1661

SW4 - DEPUTY R. IBELLE, #[redacted]
LOMITA STATION

26123 NARBONNE, LOMITA
(310) 539-1661

SW5 - DEPUTY D. POTTER #[redacted]
LOMITA STATION
26123 NARBONNE, LOMITA
(310) 539-1661

SW6 - DEPUTY S. WILKINSON, #[redacted]
SEB/K-9 UNIT
130 S. FETTERLY AVENUE, LOS ANGLES 90022
(213) 264-7084

SW7 - DEPUTY R. STALLONE, #[redacted]
CARSON STATION
21356 S. AVALON BOULEVARD, CARSON
(310) 830-1123

SW8 - DEPUTY L. MITCHELL
SSB/LATENT PRINTS
2020 BEVERLY BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES
(213) 974-4605

SW9 - MR. DON KIER
SSB/LATENT PRINTS
2020 BEVERLY BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES
(213) 974-4605

SW10 - INVESTIGATOR MIKE CROWLEY, #[redacted]
HOMICIDE BUREAU
5747 RICKENBACKER, COMMERCE
(213) 890-5500

SW11 - SERGEANT HENRY REED, [redacted]
HOMICIDE BUREAU
5747 RICKENBACKER, COMMERCE
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On 08-24-95 at approximately 2310 hours, Investigators were contacted at their respective residences and directed to respond to the above location to investigate the circumstances surrounding a deputy involved shooting.

Investigators were assisted by Sergeant John Laurie and Investigator Steve Davis, who processed the scene and gathered evidence. Refer to their supplemental report under the same file number. Deputy Larry Mitchell and Mr. Don Kier, Crime Scene Investigation Unit, took still photos, video, and made a detailed sketch of the scene.

Investigators then responded to Lomita Sheriff's Station where they conducted interviews.

On 08-25-95 at approximately 0345 hours, **WITNESS** [redacted] was interviewed. The interview was tape recorded and when transcribed will be made a part of this file.

On 08-25-95 at approximately 0424 hours, **WITNESS** [redacted] was interviewed. The interview was tape recorded and when transcribed will be made a part of this file.

On 08-25-95, both **SERGEANT STEVE NEWMAN** and **DEPUTY MARK WEDEL** were individually interviewed by Investigators. These interviews were tape recorded and their transcribed statements are attached.

In summaion they stated that the Sheriff's Department entered into a contract with the Community Development Commission of Los Angeles County in April 1995, to work gang suppression in the Harbor Hills project area of Lomita. The Operation Safe Streets crew from Carson Station was given the assignment to work approximately [redacted] hours a day under the contract.

They related that at approximately 1900 hours on 08-24-95, they arrived at the Harbor Hills project area in an unmarked white van wearing plain clothes. Their purpose of the unmarked van was for surveillance since the target gang (Harbor Lomas) recognizes unmarked Sheriff's vehicles.

Upon arrival, they drove through the entire project area looking for any signs of gang activity. When they didn't find any activity, they parked in what is known as the 400 Court area. This area afforded them a view of the entire project area. This area also gave them a clear view of the 600 and 700 Court areas where most of the gang activity has been in the past. While watching the area, they saw a group of three individuals between the 600 and 700 Court area. One individual was recognized as Angel Arredondo from prior contacts. It was their belief that the group may be dealing narcotics because of the way they (group) were watching the surrounding area. However, they saw no illegal activity at this time and remained in their surveillance location.

They spent approximately 2 - 2 1/2 hours sitting in the 400 Court area, occasionally conducting a foot patrol for any activity between and behind the buildings.

They left the 400 Court area and drove southbound Western Avenue to Palos Verdes Drive North and made a U-turn. They drove back to the 100 Court with the intention of driving through the project area one final time before returning to Carson Station. As they were exiting the 200 Court driveway to southbound Western Avenue, they saw an individual throw a gang sign towards the van. They decided to circle around and make contact with the individual.

They stopped facing westbound on Leesdale at Western Avenue. The suspect was to the left of their van. The suspect's arms were moving and it was believed that he was throwing a gang sign. A second suspect was also seen to the left of the van. This suspect appeared to have something in his hand. While they were attempting to watch both suspects, the windshield of the van exploded. With the belief that they had been shot at by the suspects, Deputy Wedel fired 2 - 3 shots at the suspects.

Sergeant Newman attempted to flee the "kill zone" that they were in, but nearly collided with several northbound vehicles on Western Avenue. Because of the excited condition he was in, he turned northbound accidentally into the southbound lane of Western Avenue nearly colliding with another vehicle. Regaining his composure and seeing the suspects now running westbound across Western Avenue into the projects, Sergeant Newman turned southbound and pulled into the 200 Court parking lot. A request for assistance was transmitted over Sheriff's radio. They exited their van and went in foot pursuit of the suspects. Due to the numerous hiding places, darkness and gang area, they discontinued their pursuit for safety reasons, and returned to their van to direct assisting units for containment of the area. Suspect Arredondo was later found after the containment was set up and placed under arrest.

On 08-27-95 at approximately 1625 hours, **SUSPECT ANGEL ARREDONDO** was interviewed in the hospital ward at the Men's Central Jail. This interview was tape recorded and when transcribed will be made a part of this file.

Prior to any questioning, the suspect was admonished of his Constitutional Rights per SHAD 577 which he waived. He also signed an admonishment card acknowledging this.

The interview tapes will be made a permanent part of this file.

Deputy Wedel's firearm was transported to the Sheriff's Crime Lab and booked into the Firearms Unit for examination and test firing under the Receipt #H748905. The expended casings were also booked under Lab Receipt #H748906.

The rock (Evidence Held Item # 5) recovered was also booked into the Crime Lab under Receipt #H748812 for further examination.

On 08-29-95, the facts in this case were presented to Deputy District Attorney Allen Tyson, South Bay/Torrance branch, who filed one count each of Assault With a Deadly Weapon - 245(a) P.C. and Throwing a Missile at a Motor Vehicle - 23110 C.V.C. Case #YA025523, was issued.

Investigation is continuing.

BY: SERGEANT HENRY REED, #[redacted]
INVESTIGATOR MICHAEL CROWLEY, #[redacted]
APPROVED BY: LIEUTENANT DERRY BENEDICT
HOMICIDE BUREAU - DETECTIVE DIVISION

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